

the new
HIV
consent law
in Arizona

To learn more about the new
HIV consent law, please call

(520) 626-0723

The Arizona AIDS Education and Training Center (AZ AETC) provides healthcare professionals with the knowledge and skills necessary to provide outstanding care to people living with HIV and AIDS.

simplified to encourage **routine** HIV testing



implementing
routine
HIV testing is
easier

The new HIV consent law in Arizona

Effective September, 2008, **neither written nor oral informed consent is required for HIV testing.** This change in the law simplifies and streamlines HIV testing in Arizona for providers and patients.

The new law does **NOT** require formal pre- or post-test counseling, a written consent form, or specific documentation of oral consent for any type of HIV test.

Components of the new law

- A health care provider must ensure that oral or written **information** is provided to the subject of an HIV test. The provider must discuss or provide written information that explains HIV infection and the meaning of a positive test result. The patient should be allowed to ask questions and may decline testing. See the attached example of HIV information.
- It is recommended, but **NOT** statutorily required that the provider document that this written or oral information was given to the patient.